

Dunroon Digest September 2025

September already! Not panicking, just very, very, cognizant of the fact that the Sesquicentenary (150) celebration of the founding of Dunroon township is only weeks away. October 25th and 26th.

Thank goodness we have a town full of willing people wanting to help where they can.

The signs are going up to announce the event and Lloyd Grafton has even restored the original railway Dunroon signage so that it can be installed in a prominent place for all to enjoy. It has been a labour of love, and it looks great.

The village criminals in front of the Gaol have been refreshed, thanks to Gill Gee and Katrina Moffat.

The final touches to the Sexton's Shed are in progress. We are grateful to the Waitaki District Council for repairing the step at the entrance of the building.

The pamphlet for the Dunroon Township Heritage Trail is almost complete and ready for the printer. Our thanks go to Anne Phillips-Vira and Allan Kynaston for their work on this project.

While there are still some more details to be finalized, we can now tell you that on Saturday the 25th of October Dayboo Clydesdale Stud will have their magnificent horses in attendance and will be transporting invited guests around the Dunroon Town Heritage Trail. This will be the inaugural traverse of the newly minted heritage trail. The guests will be stopping at the sites and being given a commentary. The public are welcome to join in either on foot or in a car.

All the while there will be a craft market on Campbell Street and a photographic display in the Dunroon Hall will be open on both days.

On Sunday the 26th, a special service will be held at Saint Martin's Church at 11.30 am.

In the afternoon at approximately 2pm there will be a tree planting ceremony on the village green followed by a cake cutting ceremony and refreshments at the hall.

In other news, the regular tasks and maintenance are being dealt to. The tree stumps down at the Domain Camping ground were ground away by K South and the ground leveled by the ever-versatile Lloyd Grafton.

Katrina and Daniel Moffat used their entitlement and removed the cursed bark on the public toilet gardens and replaced it with shingle. The birds have been denied a playground, but the toilet cleaners have been saved the extra chore of replacing the bark every day.

The first Wetlands Working Bee is to be held on the 6th of September, no doubt there will be some weeds to sort out.